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*me***MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD****SUBJECT: CIA Appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee**

1. Mr. William Macomber, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Affairs, telephoned to state that the scheduled dates have now been made firm for various appearances before Senate Foreign Relations. They are as follows: Department of State, 14 January 1959; Department of Defense, 16 January 1959; a briefing on economic matters presumably just Mr. C. Douglas Dillon, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, 21 January 1959; and CIA on the 23rd of January. Mr. Macomber specifically stated that no further invitation was to be expected from the Committee since they considered Senator Green's letter to the President of 16 December and the President's reply of 22 December as sufficient notification particularly since the President advised Senator Green that Secretary Dulles was asked "to coordinate this matter so that the officials concerned may meet with your Committee at a mutually satisfactory time." (Copies of both letters attached.)

2. Mr. Macomber advised that he would keep in touch on any developments and suggested that Secretary Dulles and the DCI probably would wish to discuss this together. Mr. Macomber further suggested that he thought it would be wise if the Legislative Counsel would sit through Secretary Dulles' presentation.

3. Senator Green's letter enclosed a proposed outline for executive session hearings and in discussion with Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he indicated clearly

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that the Committee was not attempting to specify what Departments or officials should appear having placed their general request on the Executive Branch by addressing their letter to the President. As a matter of information, Mr. Marcy indicated that a representative of the Department of Defense had stated that they planned to testify as to their estimate of Soviet military capabilities. In discussing what might be most helpful to the Committee, Mr. Marcy speculated that the Committee might refer to the events of the past year such as the Taiwan Straits crisis, the Middle East events, the Berlin situation and possibly the successful revolution in Cuba and then pose a question as to what events might transpire in the coming year. Mr. Marcy speculated further that the Committee might like a discussion of these events and other Soviet accomplishments to answer the question of how much is the Soviet government behind these various events and to what degree have they instigated them and how can they keep raising these problems in different parts of the world and still move forward in the scientific and military fields when their over-all capability in terms of gross national product is substantially smaller than that of the United States.

4. Mr. Marcy advised that the NEW YORK TIMES and the WASHINGTON POST have already raised the question of why can't hearings of this type be open sessions and it is to be expected that there will be further questions raised in this regard. Mr. Marcy merely wanted to alert us to this saying that the Committee intends to be guided completely by the witnesses as to what can be made public either by way of prepared statements or corrected transcripts or nothing at all.

s/ John S. Warner

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UNITED STATES SENATE

Committee on Foreign Relations

For Immediate Release
December 23, 1956

Senator Theodore Francis Green, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, today released the following exchange of letters with the President:

December 18, 1956

Dear Mr. President:

In past years it has been customary for the Secretary of State to appear in Executive session before the Committee on Foreign Relations early in each new session of Congress to give members the benefit of his views with respect to the state of our international relations. The Committee has found the Secretary's testimony of great value in the discharge of its responsibilities in the field of foreign relations.

In order for the Committee to have a full picture of our relations with the rest of the world, it seems to me that the Secretary's statement should be supplemented by testimony concerning the state of our military defenses and the state of our economic relations with the rest of the world. Furthermore, it is important, I believe, that the Committee acquire an intelligence evaluation of our world posture as it is related to that of the Soviet bloc. The coordinated national estimate which such testimony would provide seems to me to be essential to enable the Committee intelligently to consider foreign policy issues that will come before the Senate this year.

Would it be possible this year to arrange for appropriate officers of the Executive Branch to brief the Committee along the general lines of the enclosed outline?

The President

The White House

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I am sure members of the Committee would be most grateful for the assistance of the Executive, thus making it possible to begin deliberations this session on a broad foundation of mutual understanding.

Most respectfully,

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

Theodore Francis Green

Chairman

Enclosure

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PROPOSED OUTLINE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION HEARINGS OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

GENERAL PURPOSE: To provide the Committee on Foreign Relations with a broad understanding of the total strategic situation of the United States in 1949 so that the Committee may properly discharge its duties in the field of foreign policy.

Hearing I - THE STATUS OF UNITED STATES RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS

1. Relations with the Soviet bloc and estimates of the tactics and pressures which may be encountered in 1949.
2. Relations with "uncommitted" Asian and African nations.
3. The status of our alliances.
4. Probable areas of change in United States policies in 1949.

Hearing II - THE DEFENSE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES

1. Potential defensive responsibilities of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force.
2. Estimate of the state of readiness of each service to discharge its responsibilities today and in the future.

Hearing III - ECONOMICS AND FOREIGN POLICY

1. The domestic impact of United States aid programs.
2. Relationship between trade policy and foreign policy.
3. Soviet bloc activities in trade and aid.
4. Probable areas of United States initiative in 1949.

Hearing IV - INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES

1. Estimate of Soviet bloc intentions.
2. Estimate of Soviet bloc capabilities - military, economic, political, and scientific.

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3. Estimate of nature and direction of nationalist movements in Asia and Africa,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

December 22, 1958

Dear Senator Green:

Thank you for your December sixteenth letter. I appreciate your Committee's interest in meeting with the Secretary of State and with the other Executive Branch officials who can discuss with you in Executive Session the matters outlined in your letter to me. Accordingly, I have asked Secretary Dulles to coordinate this matter, so that the officials concerned may meet with your Committee at a mutually satisfactory time.

With best wishes for the holiday season,

Sincerely,

/s/ Dwight D. Eisenhower

**The Honorable Theodore Francis Green
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.**

**Dates for the contemplated hearings will be arranged
and announced early in the new session of Congress.**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

The attached Memorandum for the Record records Bill Macomber's telephone call in which he indicates a firm date for CIA of 23 January before Senate Foreign Relations. I have also recorded certain comments of Carl Marcy. No further written communication will be coming from the Committee and at this time we are firmly scheduled for 10 o'clock on ²⁶23 January.

A copy of my Memorandum for the Record has been forwarded to Mr. Amory in order that preparation of a prepared statement can be initiated. I understand that you were scheduled to be at Princeton on the 23rd of January. If you

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wish me to make any efforts to change this date, please let me know.

s/ John S. Warner

JOHN S. WARNER
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